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Ex-agent blames CIA acts for 1 million deaths

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A former CIA agent speaking at Yale Law School Auditorium Tuesday night estimated the number of people killed as a result of actions by the CIA at more than 1 million.

John Stockwell, who was a case officer for the CIA for 13 years, said the CIA fosters dissent around the globe to generate war profits and support the economic system of the United States.

Stockwell cited the instance of the Korean jet that was shot down over Soviet airspace in 1983. He said the incident gave President Reagan congressional support for the controversial MX Missile and effectively deflated the erupting peace movement in Europe.

The CIA "makes the world more dangerous" so the president can point to a dangerous world when he requests money for arms, Stockwell said.

Stockwell, who said he served in three "secret wars" while a CIA agent in the Congo, Vietnam and Angola, wrote a best-selling book about CIA activities that was denounced by the U.S. government

in 1978.

He was one of several panelists who denounced the CIA at a rally attended by about 200 people called, "CIA Crimes and Campus Resistance."

The event was sponsored by several Yale-affiliated groups, including CIA Out Coalition, which includes six Yale undergraduates who disrupted a CIA recruiting interview at Yale last month. The students are scheduled to face disciplinary proceedings by the Yale Executive Committee today.

For each person killed as a result of CIA action, Stockwell estimated that five to 10 people were traumatized for life. He cited instances where women were gang-raped and children were forced to watch their father being castrated. "This cannot make our world a safe place for us to live," said Stockwell.

Stockwell noted that people ask where were the good German people in the 1920s and 1930s when Hitler was putting together his regime.

He predicted that future generations will ask, "Where were the American people when the CIA was committing genocide on the world."